

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SUBJECT: Update on Desloge, Lead Mine Tailings Situation

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Kerry Herndon called Dick Rankin of Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) today for an update on the lead mine tailings in Desloge. A summary of that conversation follows.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources and St. Joseph Mineral Company met during April. At the meeting, St. Joseph Mineral agreed to provide a remedial action plan to MDNR for approval, but at the same time asked to be released from liability for any problems at the tailings sites. MDNR was not willing to make that agreement, but another meeting was arranged.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources and St. Joseph Mineral met again in June. St. Joseph Mineral had a remedial action plan in-hand and ready to present to MDNR if that agency would release them from all liability. MDNR refused and, at the point, negotiation and communication broke down.

Late in June, MDNR sent a letter to St. Joseph Minerals outlining the terms which the state felt it could not negotiate. To date, there has been no response by St. Joseph Mineral.

Primary responsibility for the project negotiations have shifted to Robert Schreiber. Mr. Rankin encouraged us to contact Mr. Schreiber for further updates.

Dave:

This an update on our involvement in Desloge site.

Bob

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